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Purpose of the Political Activities of the Chinese  
Communist Party in the Military

1. Instruction on Party Rule

a. Nature: To carry out the responsibilities of Party branches and Party discipline.

b. Aims:

- (1) To make each Party member among the enlisted understand Party policies.
- (2) To reflect the Party life and sensibilities of the rank and file on the higher ranks.
- (3) To train Party members.
- (4) To organize Party members to carry out study activities.
- (5) To carry out Party discipline.
- (6) To recruit new Party members.

c. Methods.

- (1) Hold periodic discussion meetings of the Party members.
- (2) Rank all members on the same level in Party meetings regardless of military rank or responsibility, with the exception of branch secretaries, assistant secretaries, branch committee members, and cell leaders. Non-Party members among the rank and file may attend such meetings, but may not vote.
- (3) Spread the orders of the higher ranking Party committees. Cell leaders report work going on and cell members report their study activities.
- (4) Discuss and study problems.
- (5) Examine applicants for Party membership.
- (6) Have criticism and self-criticism.
- (7) Have a summarizing speech at the end of the meeting.

d. Functions.

- (1) To make known the will of the Party down to the lowest rank of the organization.
- (2) To establish an understanding of the limits of control in the military system. No military rank or authority can outrank or control the Party leadership. A company commander, for example, can command all the officers and men in his company, but in Party branch meetings he should acknowledge the authority

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of the Party and accept the criticisms and suggestions of the Party members, enlisted men, cell leaders, or branch secretary in his company. From this it follows that military commanders cannot compel the officers and men in his command to take a course of action inimical to the interests, views and activities of the Party.

(3) To secure the control of the Party over the military.

2. Execution of the Orders of the Party

a. Nature: To carry out the orders of the Party.

b. Aims: To protect and consummate the Party requirements.

c. Methods.

- (1) Convene Party cell meetings.
- (2) Have cell leaders promulgate orders from above.
- (3) Discuss and study the content of the orders.
- (4) Decide on methods of carrying out the orders.
- (5) Have members of the Party lead out in any Party work in order to influence non-Party enlisted men to take part in Party activities.

d. Functions.

- (1) To influence non-Party enlisted men to take part in Party activities, by the enthusiasm of the Party members.
- (2) To carry out Party orders successfully.

e. Example.

- (1) When MAO Tse-tung ordered the military to participate in production and reconstruction, the military units decided that each squad should open 30 mou of new land within a month. This is slightly over two mou for each man of a squad of 14 men.
- (2) In one squad there were four Party members. The cell leader promulgated the order for detailed discussion, after which it was decided that each Party member would open seven mou in 20 days.
- (3) By working incessantly, each man completed his seven mou in 16 days, for a total of 28 mou, thus nearly fulfilling the quota for the whole squad. They were given the title of "model land breakers" by the squad.

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- (4) The non-Party members, not to be outdone by the Party members, after having broken one mou apiece during the first 16 days, worked hard and broke another two mou apiece during the remaining 14 days of the month for a total of 30 mou.
- (5) One squad broke 58 in ten days, for 28 mou over the total goal for the month.
- (6) The Party members in another squad were aroused by the members of the squad to exceed the goal by 48 mou. In ten days they broke 50 mou.
- (7) On this basis the work not only met the requirements, but exceeded the goals.

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